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At-Large Council Member

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Mr. Kanathur Srikanth
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Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments
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RE: Support for Prince George's County Government's Application for the 2021 Regional Safety Program

Dear Mr. Srikanth:

The Prince George's County Council fully supports the Prince George's County Department of Public Works and Transportation's ("DPW&T") application to the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments ("MWCOG") Regional Safety Pilot Program to conduct Roadway Safety Audits on six County roadways. The Regional Safety Program seeks projects that increase seat belt use among motor vehicle occupants; reduce unsafe vehicle speeds; and reduce impaired and distracted driving. The Regional Safety Pilot Program provides short-term consultant services to member jurisdictions or agencies to assist with planning or preliminary engineering projects that address roadway safety issues.

As a part of the County's Vision Zero Prince George's Initiative, DPW&T has developed its High Injury Network ("HIN"), which is the designation of corridors where high numbers of pedestrians and bicyclists have been killed or severely injured in traffic crashes. DPW&T is proposing to conduct a road safety audit for six roadway segments that are listed within the County's Top 20 Vision Zero HIN corridors for County-maintained roadways. All six of these segments are fully within MWCOG's Equity Emphasis Areas. The roadways and each of the respective segments are listed below:

1. Sheriff Road (From Eastern Avenue, NE to Glen Willow Drive)
2. Belcrest Road (From Queens Chapel Road (MD 500) to Adelphi Road)
3. Merrimac Drive (From New Hampshire Avenue (MD 650) to Keokee Drive)
4. Brooks Drive (From Silver Hill Road (MD 458) to Marlboro Pike)
5. 57th Avenue (From Annapolis Road (MD 450) to Landover Road (MD 202))
6. 15th Avenue (Merrimac Drive to Ruatan Street)

The audits support the County's commitment to safety by providing better analysis and, in some cases, questioning long-held assumptions about factors such as street design, speeds, and policies that influence culture and behavior. The objective is to provide the safest network of roadways for all users, residents and visitors alike.

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Your full consideration of the Prince George's County Department of Public Works and Transportation's grant application is greatly appreciated. Thank you in advance for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Calvin S. Hawkins, II". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

The Honorable Calvin S. Hawkins, II
Council Chair